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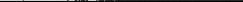
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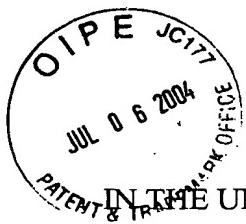
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For: **HLA Binding Peptides and Their Uses**

Preliminary Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(b)

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks; and
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